

FISCAL NOTE
SB 3122 - HB 4011

March 3, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits registered nurses or certified pharmacy technicians from dispensing prescription drugs within a federal qualified health center (FQHC) without the direct, on-premises supervision of a pharmacist or supervision through telepharmacy/telemedicine online computer technology.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

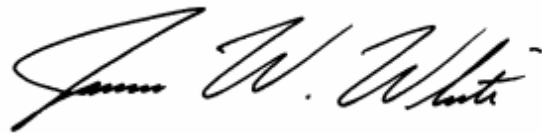
Increase State Expenditures - \$81,500/One-Time
\$2,281,900/Recurring

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the process of telepharmacy is not available through the FQHCs operated by the Department.
- The FQHCs do not have electronic medical records to allow for patient records to be reviewed by a pharmacist through online technology.
- The Department will hire 16 pharmacists to provide on-premises supervision of the dispensing of prescription drugs which will increase expenditures by \$2,363,435.
- This amount includes one-time expenditures of \$81,500 for computers (\$25,600), printers (\$12,700), and office set-up (\$43,200) and recurring expenditures of \$2,281,935 for salaries (\$1,530,432), benefits (\$525,703), administrative allocations (\$126,400), communications and networking (\$24,200), office leases (\$65,600), and supplies (\$9,600).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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